

To: Dan Gilmore

From: Derick Adamson

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A few weeks ago, I believe it was on November 1st, I started a practice on Rowan's track at 2pm for some of the girls who could not make the 3:30pm practice at Glassboro High School. I normally leave this practice no later than 3:25pm to walk over to the high school to unlock the track and meet with the other runners. On this particular day, the practice ran 10 minutes overtime. The girls who were over at Glassboro High School's track noticed that the track was locked and walked back over to Rowan's track. I was getting ready to end my 2pm practice and open the track at Glassboro High School, but I realized I had left the key to the Glassboro High School track at home. Since there were only about 12 track athletes that were going to practice at Glassboro High School that day, it gets dark so early, and it was going to be a short practice, I told them to just stay at Rowan's track, and we were going to have the practice here.

I was at the end of this practice, and coach Acorsi was pointing at me, calling me over. We both started walking towards each other. When we were face to face with each other, he started screaming at me. He said, "You don't belong out here, you were told you don't belong out here when we're out here, and if you're out here again tomorrow, I'm going to call Penny". He also said I have girls running out here with sports bras on, running around the track, hurdles flying, making noise, 18 year boys with their eyes going back and forth, can't get them to concentrate on what they're supposed to be doing. I said to him, "Hold on now, coach." I explained to him the reason why I was here and not at the high school (same reason as above), and he said "I don't want to hear it. You were told you don't belong out here." I then walked away, I remained calm, did not raise my voice, and I did not shout. I walked under the bleachers away from the girls on the team, because they had stopped what they were doing, and they were just looking. I wanted to be away from all of them, so they did not hear what I had to say. I called coach Penny, and I explained exactly what I wrote above about what happened. She did tell me that I don't belong out there. I was so upset that day, I went to the bathroom outside of the team house and got changed into my running clothes. I went in to the ice trails and when I stopped running my watch registered 12.8 miles because I was that upset at the tone in which I had been spoken to.

Since the time this incidence occurred, coach Acorsi came to my office, and we discussed everything above. He did apologize, and I accepted his apology. I did say to him that the situation was over as far as I was concerned, and that I was not going to bring it up in the future. I'm a man of my word, and when I give me word to someone, I must live and die by it. I did explain to coach Gilmore that I never wanted to write this letter because when I'm done with something, I'm finished with it. Let the past be in the past.